

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor(s): ESCH *et al.*

Group Art Unit 1754

Examiner: HENDRICKSON, S.L.

Appln. No.: 08 870,591

Atty. Dkt. 0238397

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PATENTSHon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 15, 2003

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114**

Please continue the examination of this application.

**PREREQUISITES**

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).****Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.**

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed
2. ☒ The enclosed new Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed \_\_\_ and reply brief filed
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
 

☐ IDS Letter

☐ Cited Appln

☐ Foreign Search Report/OA

☐ PTO-1449

☐ Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the required \$130 fee (fee code 098) to our Deposit Account (see below).
7. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date of \_\_\_ to cover the date this Request is filed. PLEASE CHARGE the requisite fee to our Deposit Account (see below)
 

(1 mo) \$110/\$55

(2 mos) \$410/\$205 + 0

(3 mos) \$930/\$465
8. PLEASE CHARGE the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of ☒ \$750 (lg. ent.) ☐ \$375 (sm. ent.) plus any deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 021123 / 0238397

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**NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred!**  
**NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED** unless you are adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case cover this with PAT-120.Pillsbury Winthrop LLP  
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